NO Page 47, line 1a, after "from" and insert --the--; after, "Products," insert --a--;

line 19, after "or" insert --a--; and

line 23, after "in" insert --a--.

Page 49, line 23, after "purchases" insert --,--

Page 50, line 8, delete "request" and insert therefor --requests--; and

line 12, delete "Subsequent" and insert therefor --A subsequent--.

Page 51, line 2, after "into" insert --the--;

line 15, delete "of"; and

line 16, after "requests" insert therefor --,--.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

In line 3, delete "and"; and

line 12, after "orders" insert --,--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-8 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claim as indicated:

(AMENDED)

9. A method for creating an electronic catalog comprising the steps of:

requesting a vendor quotation[s];

creating a blanket vendor order[s];

entering the blanket vendor order[s] in a data base;

creating a pre-approved budget[s];

creating a purchase request[s];

requesting an item[s] from the blanket vendor order data base using the purchase request;

communicating said order[s] from the vendor order data base to a vendor;

receiving acknowledgment of the communicated order [requests];

receiving the ordered item[s]; and

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recording receipt of said item[s].

Please add the following new claims:

--10. A system for processing customer orders, comprising:

means for purchasing an item;

means for creating a graphical user interface for a customer service representative to input an order;

means for tendering a load to a carrier for shipment;

means for creating an automated warehousing ticket; and

means for creating an electronic catalog.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for purchasing an item further comprises:

means for creating a blanket vendor order;

means for providing user input to generate a requisition request to requisition the item;

means for processing the requisition request by comparing said requisition request to the blanket vendor order to determine availability of the item;

means for checking the availability of funds against a budget to approve a purchase transaction;

means for communicating a purchase request and a purchase release to a vendor; and

means for acknowledging the purchase request.

12. The system of claim 11, wherein the means for purchasing an item further comprises:

means for receiving the item;

means for creating a record of the receipt;

means for creating an accounts payable record initiated by said record of receipt; and

means for placing the item in an inventory.

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13. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating a graphical user interface for a customer service representative, further comprises:

means for creating screens in a window context with multiple files, said screens having buttons to control access to files, wherein said buttons are used to access customer records.

14. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for tendering a load to a carrier for shipment further comprises:

means for creating a carrier data base containing information to determine shipping costs and delivery schedules;

means for tendering an offer of shipment to a selected carrier; and

means for receiving confirmation from the carrier.

15. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating an automated warehousing ticket further comprises:

means for generating pick-order data for an item;

means for picking the item from an inventory;

means for creating a record of the picked item;

means for transmitting said pick-order data to a central data base in real time;

means for delivering the picked item to a shipping point;

means for transmitting data representing delivery of the item for shipment to said data base; and

means for consolidating said pick-order and shipment data into a record in said data base.

16. The system of claim 10, wherein the means for creating an electronic catalog further comprises:

means for requesting a vendor quotation;

means for creating a blanket vendor order;

means for entering said blanket vendor order into a blanket order data base;

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means for creating a pre-approved budget;

means for creating a purchase request;

means for requesting an item from the blanket vendor order data base;

means for communicating said blanket order to a vendor;

means for receiving acknowledgment of a blanket order request;

means for receiving said ordered item; and

means for recording receipt of said item.

17. A method for processing customer orders in a computer-based data processing system having a plurality of data processing devices electrically connected to communicate with each other, comprising:

receiving a customer order from a customer order input terminal;

processing the customer order using an interface module accessed through the customer order input terminal, said interface module coordinating access to a plurality of database modules and controlling interaction between a user and said plurality of database modules;

generating the customer order in response to data inputs from the user through said customer order input terminal and data from said plurality of database modules;

automatically checking an inventory for availability of an item corresponding to the customer order in response to the customer order by accessing an inventory data base;

retrieving the item from the inventory by accessing an inventory storage location data base;

building a load for shipment from the retrieved item; and

scheduling delivery of the load to the customer.

18. A method for processing a customer order using a networked computer-based data processing system, comprising:

receiving a customer order from a customer order input terminal;

processing the received customer order to generate a customer order in response to data inputs from a user;